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about a person's right, the ability to come in at the eleventh hour, and he's exactly correct, they do have that right. The point that I was trying to make is this. Earlier this session we changed the rules because the majority of us had a frustration with some of the members that might take up this Legislature's time and some of us felt that maybe our time was being, I don't want to say wasted, but too much of our time was being taken up and we weren't using our time efficiently, and so we changed the rules to try to change that. And my point is this; is that when a...when an entity, an individual, does not present themselves at a hearing to testify in opposition and doesn't make use of the year that this bill was sitting on General File as a prioritized bill, they don't make use of that time to talk to senators and to work on this bill, that, in my mind, is circumvention of the process in that we aren't making efficient use of this Legislature's time. We changed the rule to prevent wasting time from one of our own members, and yet we're willing to say to these people, these professional lobbyists, in this case the county attorneys' lobbyist, that it's okay that you can come in at the eleventh hour and cause us to spend two mornings on a bill when we didn't know you were opposed to this, when we could have spent the entire year working on this bill, and I resent that and I think everybody in here should resent that as well. I had a professor of mine at the university I attended and he said he used to...that one of his favorite phrases was this isn't a ditch to die in, and the point is, is that this bill, this portion of the committee amendment isn't the ditch to die in because there are some important things in LB 82, and I intend to not vote on this adoption of the committee amendment because I'm afraid that if it was adopted then the rest of these good measures contained in LB 82 are...would end up being defeated. So we'll argue this LB 497 another day, but I don't intend to vote for the adoption of this bill and if you want to vote red on this, why, that that's what I'm urging you to do. I thank you. I'll return my time to Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, there's about two and a half minutes left.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body,